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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors

SUBJECT: Continued Medicaid Eligibility for Certain SSI Ineligibles

Continued Medicaid eligibility exists for those individuals who became ineligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) as the result of the January 1, 2004, 2.1.% cost of living increase in Social Security benefits. To ensure continuity of Medicaid benefits, potentially eligible individuals will be issued cards in the December run that are valid through January 31, 2004. Effective February 1, 2004, CWA's will have ongoing responsibility for those individuals. The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) will send each individual a letter (sample copy attached) explaining this, on or about January 7, 2004.

A printout has been prepared from the Social Security Administration's (SSA) file, which lists those individuals residing in your county. Attached is that portion of the printout pertaining to your county. Using the printout, the CWA shall prepare, by February 1, 2004, Form FD-346, **Certification In Lieu of Application for Medical Assistance Only** (copy attached for CWA reproduction) for appropriate cases.

Form FD-346 will provide authorization for "Medicaid Only" benefits until redetermination, at which time an application (Form PA-1G, Application and Affidavit for Medical Assistance Only and Emergency Assistance for SSI Recipients) must be completed. Since the SDX does not reflect a federal redetermination date, CWA's must schedule a redetermination of eligibility for "Medicaid Only" purposes within twelve months.

Continuing eligibility for Medicaid benefits must be redetermined in accordance with all existing program requirements. Individuals eligible under this special provision shall be afforded an additional disregard from income of the actual dollar amount of the 2.1.% Social Security benefit cost-of-living increase January 1, 2004. Any subsequent Title II cost-of-living increase will also be disregarded for those individuals.



Additionally, this disregard shall be applied to income, which is deemed from all financially responsible relatives (i.e., spouse and parents). This disregard applies only to that special class of individuals and shall not be applied to other Medicaid applicants/recipients.

For those individuals determined ineligible for Medicaid benefits for reasons other than the Title II cost-of-living increase, the CWA must act to evaluate eligibility for other programs, i.e., New Jersey Care ...Special Medicaid Programs, or terminate the case on the Medicaid Eligibility File. As in the past, "Medicaid Only" eligibility (nonpayment cases) terminated due to the Social Security increase is not affected by this provision. Note that the SSA file which was forwarded to the states this year contained only those individuals who were terminated from SSI eligibility due to an increase in Title II income payable in January of 2004. The Medicaid Eligibility File will automatically be updated to reflect non-money Program Status Codes (120, 220, 520) and to maintain eligibility for those individuals.

This information is to be brought to the attention of the appropriate staff. Questions may be directed to your Medicaid field staff or Douglas Eide, Office of Information Systems, at (609) 588-2897.

Sincerely,



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Director

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**IMPORTANT MEDICAID NOTICE
KEEP THIS IMPORTANT LETTER**

January 2004

You may have recently received a letter from the Social Security Administration advising that you were no longer eligible to receive a Supplemental Security Income payment because your income exceeds the eligibility standard. This appears to have been caused by the 2.1 per cent increase in your Social Security check which became effective January 2004.

However, Public Law 96-566 provides that you must be permitted to retain your Medicaid eligibility if the Social Security cost-of-living increase is the only reason this supplemental payment was terminated.

You should have already received your Medicaid Eligibility Identification Card, which covers the period from January 1 to January 31, 2004. Beginning in February, you will be sent a monthly Medicaid Validation stub from your County Welfare Agency/Board of Social Services. If you do not receive your February Medicaid Validation stub by February 3, 2004, contact your County Welfare Agency/Board of Social Services, and **bring this letter with you.**

Any questions you may have about covered Medicaid services can be answered by the Medicaid District Office serving your county. For your convenience, a directory of the Medicaid District Offices is shown on the back of this letter.

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Atlantic Cumberland, Cape May	Giles Bldg. 1676 East Landis Ave. Vineland NJ 08362-1513	Phone	(856) 690-5208
		FAX	(856) 690-5223
Burlington Mercer	Mt. Laurel Corporate Park 1000 Howard Blvd. Suite 303 Mt. Holly, NJ 08054-2355	Phone	(856) 787-3855
*Camden Gloucester, Salem	1 Port Center Suite 401 2 Riverside Drive Camden, NJ 08103-1018	Phone	(856) 614-2870
		Fax	(856) 614-2575
Essex	153 Halsey St., 4th Floor	Phone	(973) 648-3700
Newark	Newark, NJ 07102	Fax	(973) 642-6468
Hudson	438 Summit Avenue, Sixth Floor Jersey City, NJ 07306-3186	Phone	(201) 217-7100
Middlesex Union	301 Blair Road 2nd Floor Avenel, NJ 07001-2936	Phone	(732) 499-5700
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